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SUBJECT: CGIL CONGRESS

REF: ROME'S 6318 AND 6469

1. CGIL CONGRESS CONCLUDED JULY 7 WITH ELECTON GENERAL COUNCIL, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND SECRETARIAT. UNANIMOUS VOTE FOR SOLE SLATE OF CANDIDATES. LUCIAN LAMA (PCI) RE-ELECTED SEC GEN AND PIERO BONI (PSI) NAMED TO NEW DEP SEC GEN POSITION. OUT OF 12-MAN SECRETARIAT (ENTIRE SECRETARIAT RE-ELECTED) COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS CONTROL 7 SEATS, LEAVING 4 TO SOCIALISTS AND ONE TO A FORMER PSIUP LEADER. IN THE GREATLY EXPANDED 211-SEAT GENERAL COUNCIL THE PCI HAS CLOSE TO 2/3 MAJORITY WITH 133 SEATS, LEAVING 69 TO THE PSI AND 9 TO

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FORMER PSIUP LEADERS. SINCE PSIUP HAS BEEN ABSORBED BY PCI

FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES, ACTUAL PCI MAJORITY 67 PER CENT.

2. CONGRESS APPROVED LAMA POLITICAL PROPOSAL IN WHICH CGIL OFFERED "QUALIFIED" SUPPORT TO NEW CENTER LEFT GOVERNMENT, WHICH ACCORDING LAMA SHOULD MARK A DEFINITE CHANGE IN POLITICAL DIRECTION. IN ANY CASE CGIL RESOLVED TO JUDGE GOVERNMENT BY PERFORMANCE AND NOT COMPOSITION.

3. FINAL CONGRESS DOCUMENT POSTPONES DECISIONS ON QUESTIONS WHERE SOCIALISTS AND COMMUNISTS DIFFER GREATLY. THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CGIL COUNCIL FOR EXAMPLE WILL STUDY THE PROBLEM OF SEPARATING POLITICAL AND PARTY FUNCTIONS (INCOMPATIBILITY). THIS QUESTION IS TO BE RESOLVED BY THE END OF '73. ALSO CGIL RESOLUTION LEFT UNRESOLVED THE ISSUE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATION. CGIL GENERAL COUNCIL TO TAKE UP THE QUESTION OF POSSIBLE DISAFFILIATION FROM THE WFTU ONLY AFTER WFTU OCTOBER CONGRESS. CGIL GENERAL COUNCIL IS CALLED UPON TO EXERCISE INITIATIVES, DETERMINING THE DESIRABLE LEVEL OF CGIL PARTICIPATION IN THE EUROPEAN TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION, SUCH PARTICIPATION TO BE VIA THE FEDERATION CGIL, CISL, UIL. OPTIMUM CGIL PROGRAM WOULD BE AFFILIATION ETUC AS PART OF FEDERATION CGIL, CISL, UIL, AT SAME TIME RETAINING CGIL AFFILIATION WFTU.

4. ALTHOUGH CGIL CONGRESS SEEMS TO SIGNIFY NEW SPIRIT UNION COOPERATION WITH GOVERNMENT, THE QUALIFICATIONS WITH WHICH SUPPORT IS GIVEN (ACCEPTANCE UNION PROGRAM FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, SOCIAL REFORM, ETC.) ARE CONTROLLING. SUPPORT COULD EASILY BECOME "QUALIFIED" OPPOSITION. VOLPE

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